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1. DURING SENIOR LEVEL MEETING ON BERLIN AND GERMANY
AS A WHOLE (REPORTED SEPTTEL), FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR
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BLECH REPORTED ON THE EARLY MAY BREZHNEV VISIT TO
THE FRG. DURING BLECH'S PRESENTATION HE VOLUNTEERED
THAT SCHMIDT HAD TOLD BREZHNEV THAT THE FRG WAS
NOT CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW FEDERAL
INSTITUTIONS IN BERLIN AND DID NOT INTEND TO EXPAND
THE FEDERAL PRESENCE THERE. ACCORDING TO BLECH,
THIS STATEMENT OCCASIONED AN OBSERVATION BY BREZHNEV TO THE

EFFECT THAT ONE COULD LOOK AHEAD WITH A CERTAIN DEGREE
OF OPTIMISM. SCHMIDT REPORTEDLY THEN COMMENTED THAT
RESTRAINT MUST BE BALANCED ON BOTH SIDES.

2. BLECH'S REPORT CONFIRMS ESSENCE OF REFTEL. VANCE

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